

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 11 and 13 are pending in this application. Claims 14-23 stand withdrawn.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in claim 8 and for better clarity. (See the specification at, for example, Fig. 4 and paragraphs 0073-0075). Claim 2 is amended to be consistent with the amendments made to claim 1. Claims 5-10 are canceled.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments simply incorporate a dependent claim in an independent claim; and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The features recited in claim 8 are described in the specification at, for example, Fig. 4 and paragraph [0073]. In Fig. 4 and paragraph [0073], a group of pads 26 includes two pads 26, a first wire 40 is bonded to one of the two pads 26, and a second wire 50 is bonded to another one of the two pads 26. Thus, the recitation "the second wire being bonded to the other of the two second pads," as recited in claim 8, is supported and enabled.

The Office Action asserts that claim 8 conflicts with claim 1. However, there is no conflict between claims 1 and 8. In particular, as shown in Fig. 4 and paragraph [0073], the second wire 50 is bonded, in general, to the group of pads 26. In claim 8, the group of pads 26 is further defined as having two second pads, i.e., a first second pad which is one of the two second pads, and the other of the two second pads. Therefore, claim 1 recites a broader aspect

of the feature disclosed in Fig. 4 and paragraph [0074], and claim 8 recites more details of the feature disclosed in Fig. 4 and paragraph [0074]. Claims 1 and 8 are not inconsistent with each other.

Claim 1 is now amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 8. Thus, the rejection of claim 8 is moot.

For at least the above reasons, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 10, 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,522,015 to Glenn et al. ("Glenn") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,483,178 to Chuang; and rejects claims 1-7, 9 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,900,528 to Mess et al. ("Mess"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in claim 8 and for better clarity, as outlined above. Claim 8 was not rejected over any of the applied references.

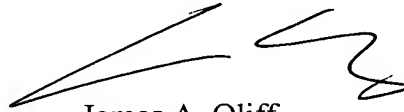
In fact, Glenn, Chuang and Mess do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 8, currently recited in claim 1. For example, Glenn, Chuang and Mess, either individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest a third pad formed on the second semiconductor chip and electrically connected to the second pad by a wiring formed on the second semiconductor chip, and a second wire that is bonded to the lead and to the third pad, as recited in claim 1.

For at least the above reasons, Glenn, Chuang and Mess do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1, and claims 2-4, 11 and 13 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-4, 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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